(a) whether it is a fact that requests were made by the Members of Parliament of 11th Lok Sabha to the then Railway Minister for stoppage of Puja Express at Gurgaon bound for Jammu and back, as a lot of pilgrims are facing difficulties in reaching Delhi Railway Station and back;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government on those requests and the results thereof; and

(c) if not, by when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Some representations had been received regarding stoppage of 2413/2414 Delhi-Jaipur Express at Gurgaon.

(b) These were examined but not found feasible for implementation.

(c) Does not arise.

Conversion of Muthkhed-Secunderabad Rail Line

1082. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take up conversion of Muthkhed-Secunderabad rail line during the current year;

(b) if so, the funds allocated for this purpose; and

(c) if not, by when it would be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Gauge conversion of Secunderabad-Mudkhed section is an approved work which has received the requisite clearances. Earthwork and bridge work are presently in progress on the first phase between Mudkhed-Nizamabad. The work will be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources.

(b) An outlay of Rs. 20 crores has been provided for the work in 1999-2000 Budget.

(c) Does not arise.